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FOLLOWING TEGUCIGALPA 1763 SENT ACTION STATE INFO GUATEMALA  
MANAGUA SAN JOSE SAN SALVADOR USCINCSO RPT TO YOU QUOTE

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR, HO

SUBJECT: FONMIN BATRES' AIRPORT PRESS CONFERENCE

1. FONMIN CESAR A. BATRES RETURNED TO TEGUAICALPA APRIL 25  
FROM ATLANTA OAS MEETING. HE REPORTEDLY MADE FOLLOWING MAIN  
POINTS IN COMMENTS AT AIRPORT:

(A) STATED THAT THE SALVADORAN FONMIN HAS REACTED VIOLENTLY  
TO HIS SPEECH AT THE OAS MEETING AND HAD RESORTED TO ATTACKS  
ON THE SUPPOSEDLY BRUTAL TREATMENT OF SALVADORANS BY HONDURAS  
PRIOR TO THE 1969 WAR;

(B) REMARKED THAT HONDURAS IS NOT DESPERATE TO ACHIEVE  
AN AGREEMENT;

(C) EMPHASIZED THAT IT WOULD BE BENEFICIAL TO ARRIVE AT A  
SOLUTION BUT HONDURAS IS NOT PREPARED TO SACRIFICE ITS  
INTERESTS TO ACHIEVE SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT;

(D) STATED THAT HE DID NOT BELIEVE IT TO BE A MATTER OF  
LIFE OR DEATH FOR HONDURAS TO ACHIEVE AN AGREEMENT;

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(E) DESCRIBED THE ATLANTA MEETING AS A LOGICAL STEP IN AN ATTEMPT TO RESHAPE THE PRESENT RIGIDLY FORMAL OAS STRUCTURE TO MAKE IT MORE RESPONSIVE TO PRESENT REALITIES;

(F) REMARKED THAT THE ABILITY OF THE OAS TO RESHAPE ITSELF WOULD DETERMINE ITS SURVIVAL OR DISAPPEARANCE;

(G) STATED THAT HONDURAS IS IN FAVOR OF A RECONSIDERATION OF THE CUBAN SITUATION;

(H) RECOUNTED THE REACTIONS OF OTHER FONMINS IN THE WASHINGTON MEETING WHEN THEY BECAME AWARE OF THE THREAT OF U.S. STEVEDORES TO IMPOSE A BOYCOTT AGAINST THE BANANA EXPORTING COUNTRIES AND SAID THAT THEY REJECTED THE THREAT AS INCOMPATIBLE WITH THE DIGNITY OF SOVEREIGN STATES.  
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